

EDITOR'S CORNER

The Economic and Business Historical Society (EBHS) will hold its 15th annual meeting at the Radisson Hotel in Lexington, Kentucky, on 26–28 April 1990. Members and nonmembers are invited to submit papers, offer their services as session chairs and discussants, and make program suggestions. The EBHS encourages interdisciplinary scholarship in economic and business history. Its international membership includes men and women with interests in economics, history, business, social science, geography, and related disciplines. Paper proposals should be accompanied by a two-page abstract and sent to Gilbert Mathis, President and Program Chair, EBHS, Department of Economics, Murray State University, Murray, KY 42071.

Graduate students writing doctoral dissertations related to the role of textile manufacturing in American history are eligible to apply for financial support from the Museum of American Textile History. One or more Sullivan Fellowships is awarded annually by a review committee of nationally recognized scholars. For a copy of detailed guidelines, interested students should write to the Editorial & Research Committee, Museum of American Textile History, 800 Massachusetts Avenue, North Andover, MA 01845.

The Ohio State University Press announces a series on “Historical Perspectives in Business Enterprise,” for which Mansel G. Blackford and Austin K. Kerr will serve as general editors. The series will publish works examining the history of business enterprise in the United States, abroad, and in comparative perspective. Topics of interest include histories of firms, government-business relations, business-society relations, institutional patterns in the history of the small firm, patterns of evolution in the service industries, and the impact of competition on the American firm. The editors particularly seek scholarship that explores the relationship between business as a human activity and other human activities. This could involve linking developments within the business firm to social change and continuity in such areas as labor, technology, or the development of the “consumer society” and its accompanying tools, marketing and advertising.

Manuscript proposals may be sent directly to Alex Holzman, Acquisitions Editor, Ohio State University Press, 1070 Carmack Road, Columbus, OH 43210, or to the series editors at the Department of History, Ohio State University, Dulles Hall, 230 West 17th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43210.

The Tenth Lowell Conference on Industrial History will be held on 26–28 October 1989 at Lowell, Massachusetts. The theme of this year's conference will be "After Hours: Life Outside the Workplace," and papers related to this topic are invited. Proposed topics might include company sponsorship of leisure activities; fraternal organizations, social and mutual assistance clubs; consumerism and leisure time; and media and sports-related issues. Especially encouraged are presentations or group discussions that involve media, oral history, museum interpretation, local history, or artifact analysis. Proposals, due by 30 April 1989, should be addressed to Edward Jay Pershey, Tsongas Industrial History Center, Boott Mill #8, Foot of John Street, Lowell, MA 01852; 508-459-2237.

The Harvard Business School and the Newcomen Society of the United States announce a postdoctoral fellowship in business history to support twelve months of residence, study, and research at the Harvard Business School for the academic year 1990–91.

The purpose of this award is to enable scholars who have received their Ph.D. in history, economics, or a related discipline within the past ten years to improve their professional acquaintance with business and economic history, to increase their skills as they relate to this field, and to engage in research that will benefit from the resources of the Harvard Business School and the Boston scholarly community. The successful applicant will be asked to participate in the school's business history course, seminar, and case development activities.

Those interested should request an application form from:

Professor Alfred D. Chandler, Jr.

Baker Library 214

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Boston, MA 02163

Applications for the 1990–91 Newcomen Fellowship must be received no later than 15 March 1990.

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The Business History Conference announces the creation of the Harold F. Williamson, Sr., Prize in Business History, which honors one of its founding members. The prize will be awarded every two or three years to a scholar or teacher in mid-career who has made significant contributions to the field of business history. The Business History Conference, a nonprofit and tax-exempt organization, is seeking donations to endow the prize. Anyone interested in contributing to the endowment may send a check payable to the Williamson Prize Fund—BHC to William J. Hausman, Secretary-Treasurer, Business History Conference, Department of Economics, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA 23185.

The Business History Unit at the London School of Economics announces that Leslie Hannah has resigned on completion of ten years of service as director. He has been succeeded by Terry Gourvish, formerly dean of the School of Economic and Social Studies at the University of East Anglia.

A new Centre for the Study of Business Culture has recently been established to sponsor comparative research on business cultures in Europe and between those of European and non-European nations. The goal of the Centre is to foster a multidisciplinary approach, and it is hoped that historians will participate in its work. Two scholarships will be available: one for an historian to spend a year at the European Institute for Advanced Studies in Management in Brussels, and one for a scholar in business studies or economics, who will focus on the interaction between national cultures and business operations. More information may be obtained from Robert Locke, 11 Bessborough Street, London SW1V 2JD, England.

The Charles Babbage Institute at the University of Minnesota each year awards a number of Adelle and Erwin Tomash Graduate Fellowships to graduate students whose dissertations will address some aspect of the history of computers and information processing. Theses that consider technical issues in their socio-economic context are especially encouraged. There are no restrictions on the venue of the fellowship; it may be held at the home institution, the Babbage Institute, or any other location with appropriate research facilities. Applications are generally due in mid-January for the upcoming academic year. More information may be obtained from the Charles Babbage Institute, 103 Walter Library, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455; 612-624-5050.

The Fourth Conference on Historical Research in Marketing will be held 29 April–1 May 1989 in Charleston, South Carolina. The theme for the conference is “Marketing History: An Emerging Discipline.” Additional information may be obtained from Stan Hollander, Department of Marketing and Transportation Administration, Eppley Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824–1121, or Terry Nevett, Marketing and Hospitality Services, Smith 100, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859. Also available from Professor Hollander is information on the biannual newsletter, *Reflections in Marketing* (RIM), which he and Professor Nevett edit. The newsletter reports developments in marketing history, including news of recent publications of interest to scholars in the field.

Youssef Cassis of the University of Geneva, with the assistance of its Centre for European Law Studies, has organized an international conference on “The Finance and Financiers of Europe, 1880s–1960s,” which will be held on 5–7 October 1989 in Geneva. Those interested in attending the conference should contact Dr. Cassis at the University of Geneva, Department of History, CH1211, Geneva 4, Switzerland.

The group of historians of the sugar industry that publishes the *World Sugar History Newsletter* is planning a conference in Edinburgh in September 1990. Paper proposals should be sent to Bill Albert, Society of Economic and Social Studies, University of East Anglia, Norwich, NR4 7TJ, England.